

How are Christians to Identify the Jewish People?

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Tomb of Cyrus the Great in modern Iran.

As Christians we need to cleanse our minds by bathing daily in the Word of God. If we do this diligently, we should be able to say – as David did – **“O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.” (Psalm 119:97)**

I wonder how many believers today still tremble at His Word? Very few, I would imagine, but I could be wrong.

In any event, if more did, then errors like the ones we are about to discuss would not arise. We need to address them because, as far as we can tell, they are common among Christians across the world at this time and, if allowed to pass unchallenged, will only gather momentum and cause even greater confusion.

The errors arose in a paper called ***Identifying the Luciferian Globalists Implementing the New World Order – Who are the “Jews”?*** The author was Brian Shilhavy, the editor of Health Impact News, and published on 20 June, 2021, on his other website, created4health.org

[Link: <https://created4health.org/identifying-the-luciferian-globalists-implementing-the-new-world-order-who-are-the-jews/>]

The paper, it would seem, is a sincere attempt to answer the question, “Who are the Jews?” and draws on Scripture – sparingly, alas – to support its argument. It would appear to be motivated by a desire to understand the mindset and character of the cabal behind the coming New World Order, specifically their heinous disregard for human life and their evident delight in attacking Christianity. But it contains serious errors which we need to address.

Who are the Jews?

So, who are the Jews? It would probably be best if we answered the question ourselves and then looked more closely at the mistakes which Mr Shilhavy and others are making.

The Bible tells us that God chose the children of Abraham, through the line of Isaac and Jacob, to be His people. There is no dispute about this. However, they had immense difficulty abiding by the covenant which they had agreed with Him. Again and again, the Word of God tells us that, when His people – whom we know as the nation or children of Israel – disregarded His commands and persisted in their disobedient ways, worshipping other gods, He would punish them. This involved banishing them from the land of Israel – which God gave to this nation, the extent of which He defined – and sending them into exile. They were sometimes ‘exiled’ within their own land, hiding in the hills and ekeing out a living while one or more conquering nations exploited and oppressed them. Each time they repented and called upon His Holy Name.

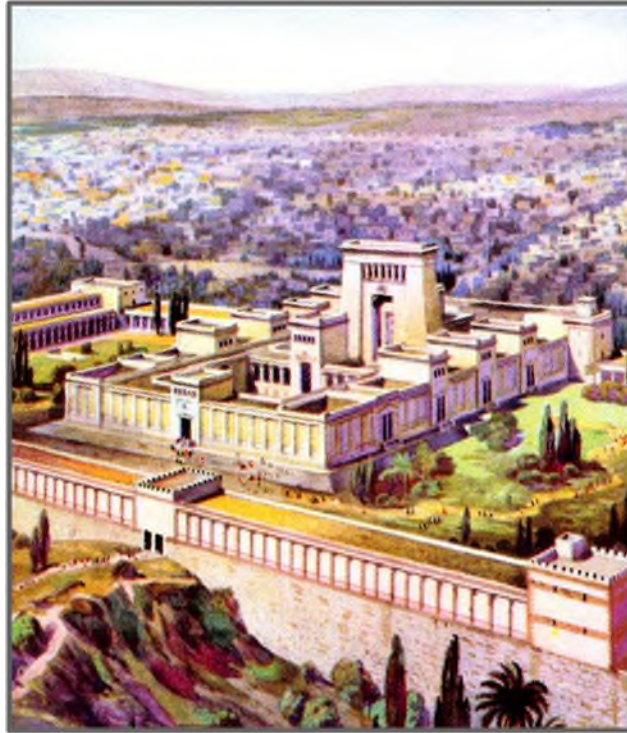
Their repeated disobedience eventually led to the division of the land into a northern and a southern portion. The northern portion, known as Israel or Ephraim, clung to idolatry to such an extent that, despite numerous warnings from the many prophets whom the LORD sent to correct her errant ways, most of her population was utterly uprooted from the land and sent into exile.

This left only the southern portion, known as Judah (in conjunction with Benjamin). However, they failed to learn from the fate of Ephraim and slid further into rank idolatry.



The tomb of the prophet Daniel in Iran, as it was in 1976.

The LORD sent the prophet Jeremiah, as well as other prophets, to correct them, but the inhabitants of the southern kingdom refused to repent. As a result it was overrun in 586 BC and much of the population was either slaughtered or taken into captivity, Jerusalem was sacked and burnt, and the Temple – the very house of God – was completely destroyed.



Representation of Solomon's Temple

God's judgments upon the children of Israel

Who did all of this? Tiglath-Pileser, Shalmaneser, Nebuchadnezzar? No, God Himself inflicted these terrible judgments on the people He had chosen.

It was through these wrathful judgments that He gave His people what they deserved. To any reasonable observer, including the nations that surrounded the land of Israel, the God of Israel was finished with His people. But we know this was not the case! Even as He sent them into exile in 586 BC He told them – for their consolation – that their punishment would last 70 years. He even counted this period from the first Babylonian invasion in 606 BC, and not from 586 BC. So, in 536 BC they were allowed to return to the land of Israel and rebuild Jerusalem. They were even given the resources they needed to begin rebuilding the Temple.

These events tell us a great deal about the relationship between God and His people. They were a wretched lot, disobedient and rebellious, filled with pride, and prey to every type of idolatry and depravity. So why did the LORD bring them back in 536 BC? What great evidence had they shown of repentance and heartfelt remorse for all they had done? The Word of God does not refer, either here or elsewhere, to any newfound merit in these exiled people.

Unless God Himself had told us the reason, we would never have known why He brought them back. Surprisingly, we are given the reason even before the exile took place:

**“For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake:
because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.”**

(1 Samuel 12:22)

Modern critics need to weigh these words very carefully. They hold the key to understanding what is happening with these people in our world today. They reveal the principle of their preservation throughout history and what will happen to them in the End Time.

These words express the determinate will of God. They are not aspirational or conditional. The LORD is telling us that it pleased Him to make the children of Jacob **“His people”** and that He will **“not forsake”** them.

Why won't He forsake them? For His great Name's sake.

We are not asked to examine the rationale behind His decision. We are not asked to appraise it or evaluate it. We are not even asked to understand it! However, as faithful servants of God and believers in His wonderful Son, Christ Jesus, we are asked to accept it.



For His great Name's sake

We, too, as Christians are saved for the same inexplicable, incomprehensible reason. As David says in Psalm 23, **“He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.”**

The purgation of our sins rest entirely on this astonishing truth:

**“Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name:
and deliver us, and purge away our sins,
for thy name's sake.” (Psalm 79:9)**

Our Heavenly Father has chosen to save us, not for any merit that exists in us, but for His great Name's sake. He has given exactly the same commitment to the children of Israel. In each case salvation is made possible through faith in the blood of Christ. For this reason, and this reason alone, many have been saved throughout history, and many more will be saved – both Jew and Gentile – in the years ahead.

If the LORD abandons Israel as a nation – having chosen them as a nation – then Satan has won. He has thwarted what God had clearly ordained. But this will never happen. David refers to this when he speaks of the salvation of the nation of Israel from the “iron furnace” of Pharaoh's Egypt:

**“Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake,
that he might make his mighty power to be known.”
(Psalm 106:8)**

God is expressing His absolute sovereignty through the perfect completion of all that He promised to accomplish. He will, as David put it, make **“His mighty power”** known. There is nothing that Satan or fallen man can do to thwart His holy will.

Jeremiah crystallized this most movingly when he said:

**“Do not abhor us, for thy name's sake, do not disgrace
the throne of thy glory: remember, break not thy
covenant with us.” (Jeremiah 14:21)**



The prophet Jeremiah.

A nation under judgment

When the Jews as a nation rejected Christ at his first coming, they were thrust into a long and painful exile, worse by far than any they had previously endured. The Word of God makes it perfectly clear that they are being judged as a nation, and if that is the case then they still exist as a nation, an identifiable people, in the eyes of God.

God is watching over them during their current term of exile, even as they live and move in outright apostasy. They are still in rebellion, intent on finding salvation through their own strength. They have yet to arrive at the point where they no longer depend on their own strength but turn instead with one voice to the LORD God Almighty who made them and to His Son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus referred to this solemn moment as follows:

**“For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.”
(Matthew 23:39)**

He spoke these words in his last public address to the people of Israel, to the nation itself. They did not see him thereafter. Following his Resurrection, he appeared only to his disciples and never to the nation of Israel.

Satan wants to make it impossible for Israel as a nation to do as Jesus said. He wants to destroy them before they can utter those prophetic words, **“Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.”**

To do this he must come upon them suddenly, with overwhelming force. This involves one of his great deceptions, convincing the apostate masters of Israel that they are running the world and are therefore invincible. A large proportion of the Jewish population on earth at this time, as well as those who hate them, already believe this lie.



Scene from the Mount of Olives, where Jesus will return to the earth.

Partial Blindness

The Apostle Paul tells us that **“blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.” (Romans 11:25).**

This is an important passage since we know it specifies an exceptionally long period of time (See also **Luke 21:24**). The “fulness” of the Gentiles refers to the culmination of Gentile power on earth, and points to a day – a day of judgment – when all nations, without exception, will be subjected to the Wrath of God.

The Apostle is telling us that the Jews, as a nation, will not graduate from their “blindness in part” until the end of the age. This corresponds to the point in time to which Jesus was referring, when Israel as a nation will call upon the LORD in true repentance and plead with Him to save them from annihilation. Only then will they acknowledge and receive their Messiah, Christ Jesus of Nazareth, and utter those prophetic words, **“Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.”**



The King of the Jews

When he hung on the cross, Jesus had a sign above his head which read, **“The King of the Jews.” (Mark 15:26)**. He declared before Pilate that he was, indeed, the King of the Jews (Mark 15:2). When he returns to earth, at his second coming, he will do so as the Lion of Judah, King of the Jews.

As a king among his people, the subjects who recognize him as their sovereign must reside in his kingdom. The Word of God tells us that those Jews who are not already living in the land of Israel will be brought there by the holy angels of God, from the four winds and the four corners of the earth:

“And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.” (Isaiah 11:12)

“And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.” (Mark 13:27)

A great many passages of Scripture refer to this ingathering of Israel. Here are just two from the prophet Ezekiel:

**“Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.”
(Ezekiel 11:17)**

**“For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.”
(Ezekiel 36:24)**

The Bond of the Covenant

Incredibly, some of the Jews who are brought together in this way will reject him. The gathering will take place in **“the wilderness”**, a place outside the border of Israel. Those who refuse to come under **“the bond of the covenant”** will be removed. Christ Jesus, Our Lord, will purge out the rebels still among them and deny them entry into the land of Israel:

**“Hear ye, O mountains, the LORD'S controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the LORD hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel.”
(Micah 6:2)**

**“And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face. Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD. And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant: And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.”
(Ezekiel 20:35-38)**

He can do this because he is the King of the Jews, **“the Son of the Highest”** to whom our Heavenly Father has given the throne of David. Furthermore, he will reign forever over the house of Jacob – the Jewish nation – and his kingdom will flourish into eternity:

“And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.” (Luke 1:31-33)

Our Heavenly Father has told us that, at his second coming – **“in the day of thy power”** – the remnant among the children of Israel will receive Jesus as their King, their anointed Messiah, and a new day will dawn upon the earth:

**“Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the
beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning:
thou hast the dew of thy youth.”
(Psalm 110:3)**



The Synagogue of Satan

The Enemy has used the Synagogue of Satan for more than two millennia to oppose this plan. There is no lie he will not tell to contest and refute God’s Word. These lies have effect only when men start to believe them, when they doubt what the Bible plainly says and invest instead in theories and hypotheses which are designed only to confuse them.

The enemies of God’s plan are both within the ranks of Judaism and outside them. Many who pass themselves off today as respectable defenders of the Jewish people, and who call themselves Jews, are secretly in league with Satan. They are just as determined to pull down the Jewish people from within as others are to pull them down from without.

None of this should surprise us. After all, Satan is doing everything he can to save his own skin.

A closer look at some errors

We’ll now examine some of the errors in Mr Shilhavy’s paper. Basically he wants to walk away from the notion that the Jewish people still exist today in a Biblical sense. He accepts that many people identify as “Jews” but he sees no reason to regard them as direct descendants of the Jews, the ‘Children of Israel’, found in the Old Testament. By holding this view he accepts that he is aligning himself with certain controversial academics. As he says

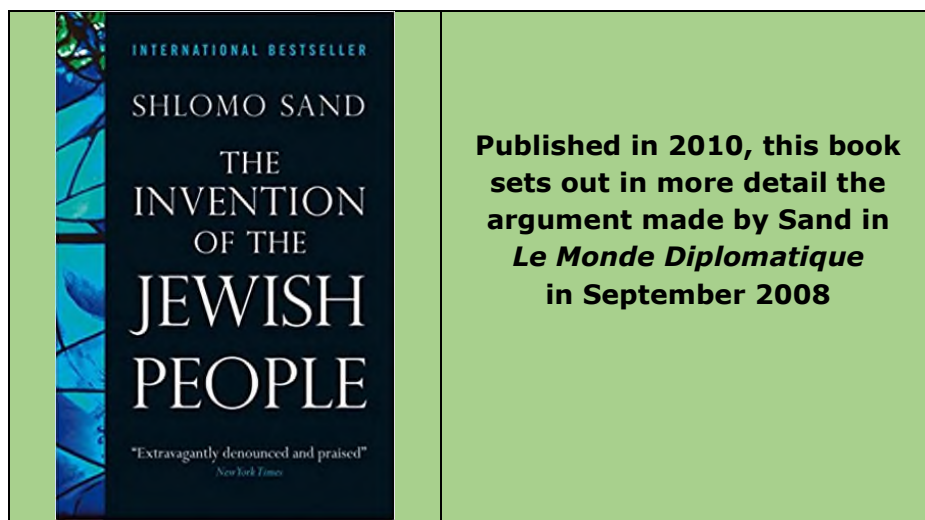
There are even some Jewish historians who have stated that there is more evidence for the Palestinians to be descendants of the Jews who used to live in Israel prior to AD 70, than those who claim to be “Jews.”

Israeli historian, Shlomo Sand, is one of the best known exponents of this view. In an article titled ***Israel deliberately forgets its history***, which was published in *Le Monde Diplomatique* in September 2008 – an article which Mr Shilhavy refers to with approval – Sand contends that the Jewish ‘diaspora’ was the product, not of the expulsion of the Jews from Israel in 70 AD, but of effective proselytizing and successive waves of conversion to Judaism across the Middle East, North Africa and parts of Europe during the first millennium.

Sand dismisses the Bible as an accurate historical record of Israel’s past. Here is how he put it in his article:

Is the Bible an historical text? Writing during the early half of the 19th century, the first modern Jewish historians, such as Isaak Markus Jost (1793-1860) and Leopold Zunz (1794-1886), did not think so. They regarded the Old Testament as a theological work reflecting the beliefs of Jewish religious communities after the destruction of the first temple. It was not until the second half of the century that Heinrich Graetz (1817-91) and others developed a “national” vision of the Bible and transformed Abraham’s journey to Canaan, the flight from Egypt and the united kingdom of David and Solomon into an authentic national past. [<https://mondediplo.com/2008/09/07israel/>]

Sand also claims in the same article that Moses did not lead an exodus of the Jewish people out of Egypt, that neither David nor Solomon ruled over extensive kingdoms, that Jewish ‘monotheism’ arose only from the influence of Persian philosophy on Jewish intellectuals exiled in Babylon in the 6th century BC, and that the Jews were not expelled en masse by the Romans after the fall of Jerusalem in 70 AD. Instead they remained in the land and the majority converted to Islam in the 7th century.



As students of God's Word, we can see that all of this is nonsense. But when it is used to bolster a false interpretation of Bible prophecy and cause confusion among believers, it is dangerous nonsense.

Mr Shilhavy concedes that "this is a highly controversial subject." On the one hand he claims to be a Bible believer but, on the other, he is prepared to sketch out a portrait of the Jewish people which is seriously at variance with what the Bible actually says, not only in relation to their past, but in relation to their role in the End Time.

It is hardly necessary to spend time refuting these strange, incoherent allegations. Luke 21:24 alone blows his case to smithereens:

"And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." (Luke 21:24)

A serious failure

Mr Shilhavy also fails to distinguish clearly between the Jewish nation as a whole and the sub-class of gross apostates embedded within it. The latter he rightly categorizes as servants of Satan. These are the ones who, in conjunction with their counterparts in other religious organizations, are working to destroy Christianity, create a One World Government, and clear a path on the world stage for the Antichrist.

Jesus appeared to be referring to this cabal within Judaism when he used the term **"the synagogue of Satan" (Revelation 2:9 and 3:9).**

Within the nation of Israel there exists another group whom the Bible calls "the remnant." One must take care never to imply that these people no longer exist! The Word of God says otherwise:

**"The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God."
(Isaiah 10:21)**

These are the Jews who will call upon Christ in the End Time and accept him as the Messiah. The Word of God tells us that this group will constitute about a third of all Jews worldwide:

**"And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD,
two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be
left therein." (Zechariah 13:8)**

The third who remain are the remnant whom God has preserved. They are the Chosen People.

The Enemy is using the Synagogue of Satan as though they were *his* chosen people. Many of them have achieved high positions in world affairs and, in conjunction with their counterparts in other religions, exercise extraordinary control over the rest of mankind.

The Bride of Christ will have left the earth before the Chosen People resume the work which the LORD called them to do. Christ himself will be their King and High Priest, ruling over all mankind from his home in Jerusalem:

“In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people” (Isaiah 28:5)

CONCLUSION

We see ample evidence today of the bitter fruit produced by the servants of Satan, including those embedded within the institutions of Judaism. But we see little sign or evidence of the righteous remnant. These people are still in an alienated state and have yet to awaken from their rebellious slumber. It will take a tumultuous period of intense persecution and suffering to bring this about. The Word of God calls this period **“the time of Jacob’s trouble” (Jeremiah 30:7).**

Elijah himself was convinced that there were no true believers left in Israel and, in despair, poured out his heart to the LORD. Having made his way to Horeb – an incredible journey made possible only by the miraculous meals which the LORD prepared for Elijah – he settled in a cave. Twice the LORD asked him, **“What doest thou here, Elijah?”** and twice Elijah gave the same reply:

“And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.” (1 Kings 19:10 & 14)

The LORD then graciously revealed to Elijah His providential concern for Israel:

**“Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.”
(1 Kings 19:18) [KJV]**

Young’s literal translation reads:

“and I have left in Israel seven thousand, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that hath not kissed him.”

[Both bending the knee to Baal and kissing his effigy were marks of apostasy.]

A great prophet like Elijah was unable to recognize the righteous remnant in his midst, and we today are faced with a similar challenge. For those who reject God’s Word, or who play fast and loose with what He has revealed, the challenge is non-existent. They have simply decided that the Synagogue of Satan controls the whole of Judaism and that the Jews themselves are no longer part of God’s plan.

Christians must avoid these terrible errors.

Satan is turning the entire world against the Jews. As time goes on, fewer and fewer will pause to distinguish between the Synagogue of Satan and the generality of Jews.

Fewer still will believe that the LORD in His mercy has preserved a righteous remnant among their number.

They will ask: “Why on earth would He do that?”

Every Christian should know the answer: For His great Name’s sake.

**“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life:
and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life;
but the wrath of God abideth on him.”**

- John 3:36

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